REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to cancel an "OH" group.

Claims 1 - 7 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Kobo et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed. The Examiner points out that, ". . . and (c) the key point is that **at least one of R^1 to R^{12} is OH or O_2C-R^{13}**." Applicant has amended claims 1 and 2 by cancelling the inclusion of an "OH" group as an alternative substitute for R^1 to R^{12}. Kobo does not teach or suggest the preparation or use of an unsaturated polycyclic ring system that contains an -O_2C-R group as a substituent in the R^{10} position. This is noted on the assumption that R^{10} in Kobo is equivalent to R^{12} in the structure of the present invention. What is found in Kobo is the use of -CO_2R substituents in the R^{10}, but there is a significant difference in between the -CO_2R substituents of Kobo and the -O_2C-R substituents of the present invention, one being attached to the polycyclic ring via an oxygen and one being attached via a carbon atom, respectively.

Since Applicants' claimed invention is not identically described, the Examiner is respectfully requested to remove the rejection.

Claims 8-12 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Kobo et al. in view of Wheland et al.

This rejection is respectfully traversed. The argument found above is offered herein. In addition, the fluorine-containing polymer (as amended) of the present invention comprises an ethylenically unsaturated cyclic compound where R^{12} may have a O_2C-R^{13} substituent. Wheland does not teach or suggest the use of an unsaturated polycyclic compound with an -O_2C-R group as a substituent on a ring.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and remove the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

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